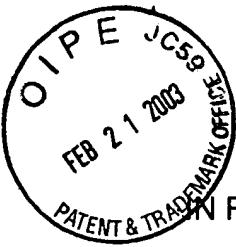


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AMENDMENT A

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Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated November 22, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Call-out numbers 100 and 101 have been added to Figure 1. Formal drawings are now being submitted with this amendment, and there is also included a copy of Figure 1 showing the changes in red.

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